

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 were pending in this application. In response to the objection, Claim 17 has been amended to clarify to what "comprising" is referred. The objection to Claim 18 should be addressed by this amendment. Claims 13-16 have been cancelled. No new matter has been added. Therefore, Claims 1-12 are allowed, and 17 and 18 should be allowed as amended.

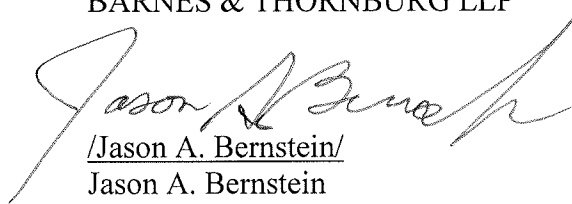
CONCLUSION

Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests such action. If the Examiner has any questions that can be answered by telephone, please contact the undersigned attorney of record at the telephone number listed below.

It is requested that, if necessary to effect a timely response, this paper be considered a Petition for an Extension of Time sufficient to effect a timely response with the fee for such extensions and shortages in other fees being charged, or any overpayment in fees being credited, to the Account of Barnes & Thornburg LLP, Deposit Account No. **50-4913**.

Respectfully submitted,

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